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Commissioner:

Prior to the first Office action in the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, paragraph 4, line 25, replace the heading as follows:
SUMMARY OF EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION

Page 1, line 34, insert the following paragraph:

In another aspect of the invention an apparatus for receiving data from a fiber optic channel is disclosed. The apparatus comprises an electrical to optical converter that receives an optical signal and converts the optical signal into an analog signal. A decoder accepts the analog signal and converts it into a digital signal. A decoder